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# *Simple-to-make Skirt*

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## A. MATERIALS NEEDED

1. Suitable, preshrunk cotton fabric of medium weight, such as percale. Avoid designs that have to be matched. Decide how full you want the skirt to be and measure for amount of fabric needed. Three widths may give a desirable fullness. Measure the finished skirt length desired; then add 3 to 5 inches for hem. This measurement times the number of widths desired will give you the total yardage needed.
2. One spool matching thread.
3. Two hooks and eyes, two snaps.
4. Heavy duty or nylon thread may be used for gathering.

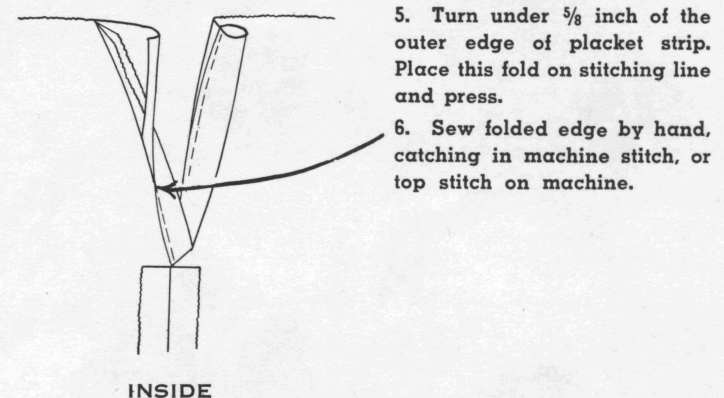
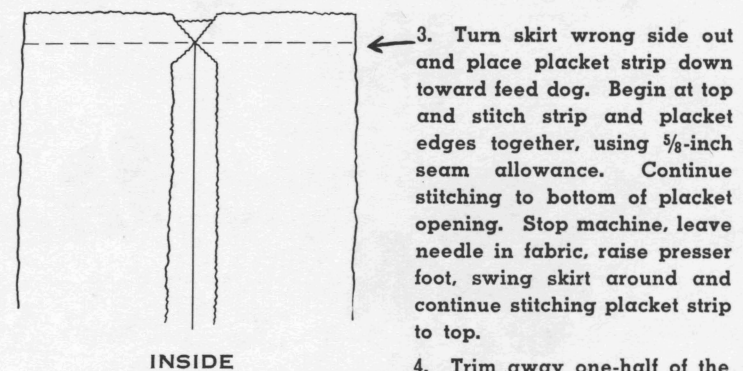
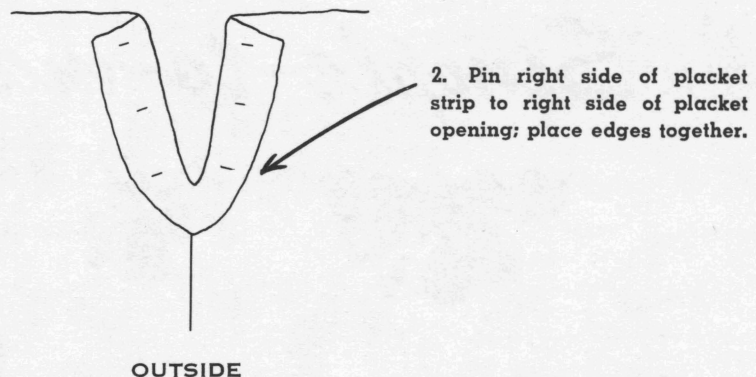
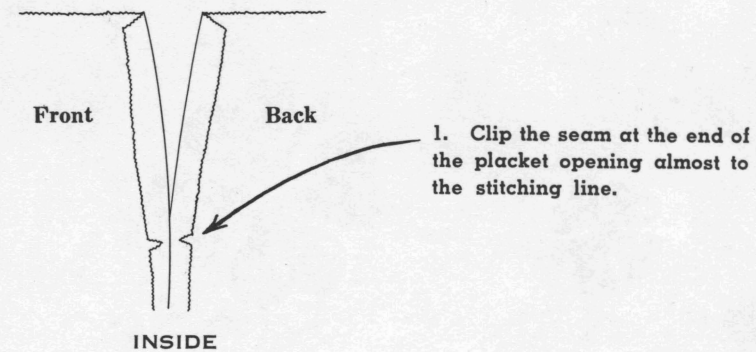
## B. PREPARING FABRIC

1. Press out all creases and wrinkles.
2. Check grainline of fabric and straighten if necessary.
3. Measure total length of fabric into number of widths to be used, allowing equal lengths for each. Mark each length with pin or chalk. Remove a  $4\frac{1}{4}$ -inch strip for the band and placket from a selvage side of two lengths. Cut or tear fabric into skirt lengths as marked. Clip (rather than tear) through selvage. If in doubt as to whether the fabric will tear easily, cut each length with scissors, being sure to cut on the grain.
4. Cut the band from the strip allowed for this purpose. The band should equal your waist measurement plus  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches, and it should be  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide. This includes the  $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch seam allowances and a 2-inch underlap. When finished, the band is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide.
5. Cut from the fabric left, a strip  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide and 12 inches long for the placket binding.

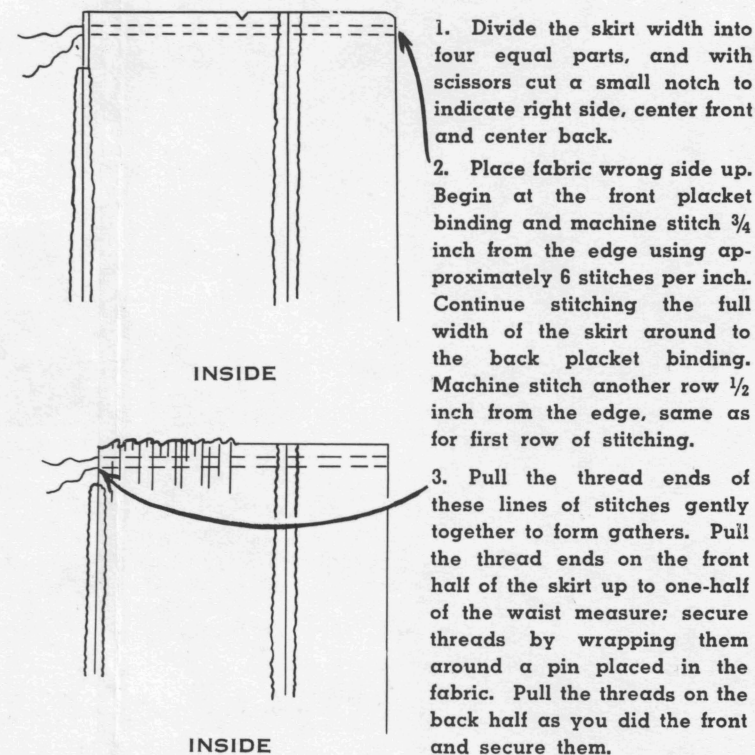
## C. JOINING SKIRT WIDTHS

1. Join skirt widths with machine stitch, approximately 14 stitches per inch. Use  $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch seams. Leave one seam open 6 inches from the top for the placket. Fasten threads at this point by tying or backstitching to prevent ripping. The placket will be on the left side.
2. Clip selvage edges every 3 or 4 inches. Press seams open.

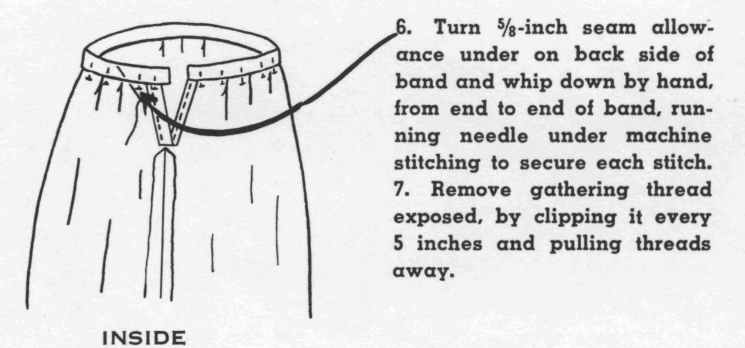
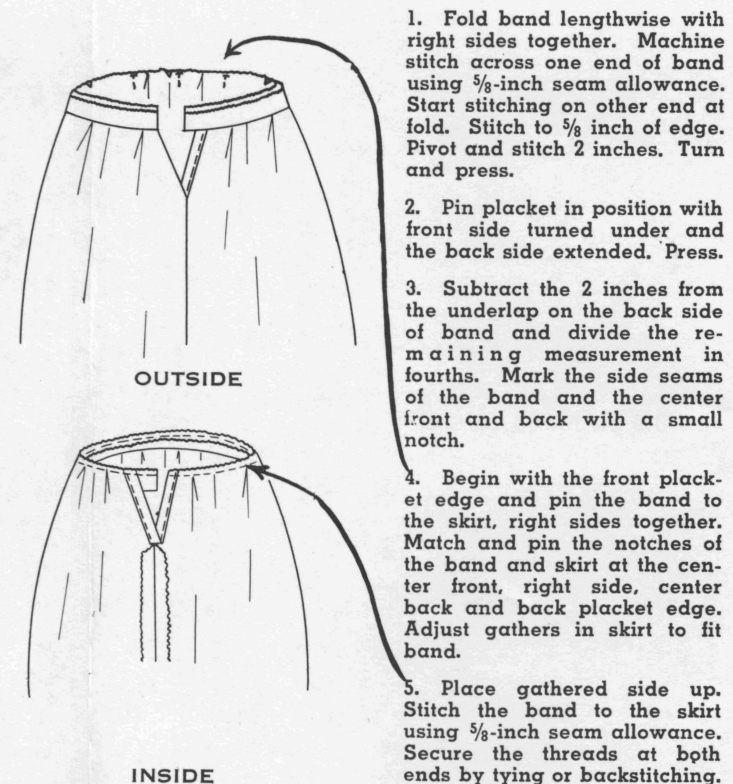
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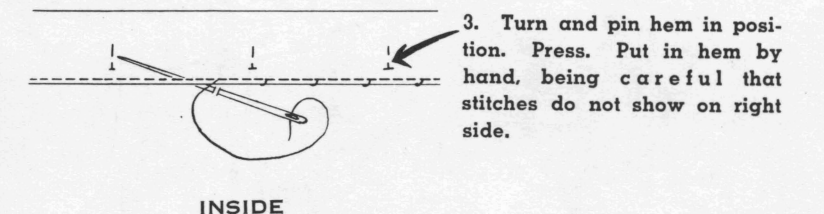
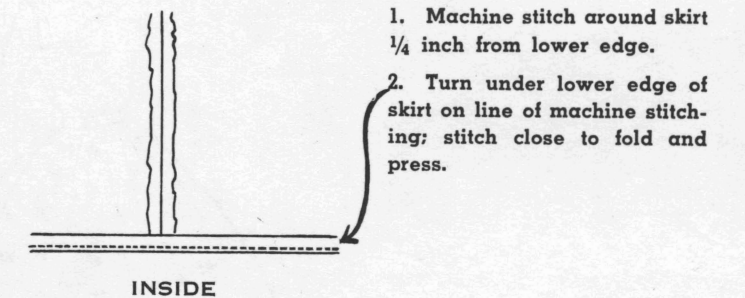
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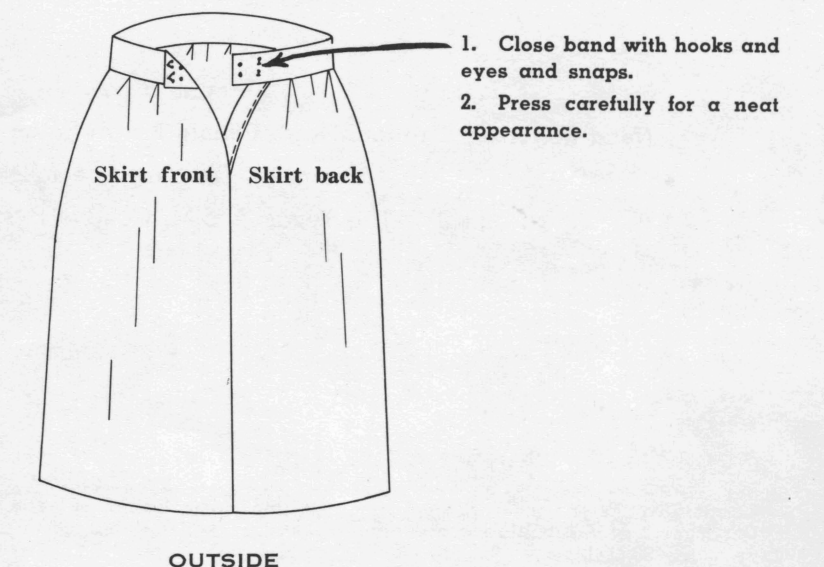
## F. SKIRT BAND



## G. SKIRT HEM



## H. FASTENINGS AND FINAL PRESSING







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